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SUBJECT: ZAYID VISIT TO IRAQ

REF: ABU DHABI 1016

1. SHAIKH ZAYID JULY 29- AUGUST 1 VISIT SEEN HERE AS
PRIMARILY GOOD-WILL VISIT MADE AT IRAQI URGING TO FURTHER
GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT RELATIONSHIPS WITH GULF STATES
INITIATED BY RCC VICE CHAIRMAN SADDAM HUSSEIN'S
STOPOVER IN ABU DHABI AND VISIT OF BAHRAIN FORMIN LAST
SPRING. NO AGREEMENTS WERE ANNOUNCED AND I HAVE NO INFO
ON SUBSTANCE OF DISCUSSIONS.

2. STATEMENT BY SHAIKH ZAYID THAT CAUSED MOST INTEREST
AND WHICH PLAYED UP BY IRAQI MEDIA WAS ON IRAQ'S ROLE IN
"PROTECTING AND DEFENDING ARABISM OF THE GULF". HE IS
QUOTED AS SAYING "WE ALWAYS LOOK TO IRAQ AS BEING ONE OF
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THE SHIELDS OF THE ARAB NATION. IRAQ HAS PROVEN THIS IN

EVERY CONFRONTATION THE ARABS WERE FACED WITH. BECAUSE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE GULF AREA, ARAB AND WORLDWIDE, WE ARE IN CONSTANT TOUCH WITH OUR BROTHERS AND LOOK FOR CONSTRUCTIVE COOPERATION TO ACHIEVE STABILITY IN THIS IMPORTANT AREA."

3. EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR NAGGAR TOLD ME THAT GOI HAD STOPPED SOME TIME AGO GIVING ARMS TO PFLOAG. THERE ALSO SEEMS TO BE CURTAILMENT OF IRAQI PROPAGANDA AGAINST TRADITIONAL REGIMES IN THE GULF.

4. COMMENT: IRAQ'S DESIRE TO ENHANCE STATE-TO-STATE RELATIONS WITH GULF REGIMES IS LOGICAL EXTENSION OF ITS MOVES TOWARD RE-ENTRY AS FULLY PARTICIPATING MEMBER OF ARAB LEAGUE AND RAPPROCHEMENT WITH EGYPT (BAGHDAD 476). I STRONGLY BELIEVE IT IS IN U.S. INTEREST TO ENCOURAGE ALL AREA STATES TO FOLLOW EGYPTIAN AND U.A.E. EXAMPLES BY TESTING NEW PRAGMATISM BY MEETING IRAQIS HALF-WAY (WITHOUT, OF COURSE, LETTING THEIR GUARDS DOWN). LOWRIE

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